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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 83-106

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: RCA REGISTRATION/EMPLOYMENT/TRAINING EXEMPTION - CARE OF A

CHILD UNDER AGE SIX (MPP SECTION 69-208.4i)

REFERENCE: ALL-COUNTY LETTER 83-65

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the Department's policy regarding the Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) Program registration/employment/training exemption based upon the care of a child under age six (MPP Section 69-208.4i).

As with AFDC-WIN, the Department amended the RCA Program regulations to provide an exemption for "the parent or other relative of a child under six who is personally providing care for the child with only very brief and infrequent absences from the child." The intent of the phrase, "very brief and infrequent absences", is to require RCA applicants/recipients who leave their children to attend college full time to comply with the registration/employment/training requirements of the RCA Program as a condition of eligibility. Therefore, the Department has developed the following policy:

- 1. The parent or other caretaker relative of a child under six who is attending college full time, as defined by the college, is considered nonexempt and must meet the requirements specified in MPP Section 69-208.1.
- 2. Parents or caretaker relatives who are temporarily absent remain exempt.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your Office of Refugee Services CWD Operations consultant at (916) 322-3141 or (415) 557-8588, as appropriate.

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